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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 2015 Independence Day Holiday Safety Message

1. On July Fourth, we will celebrate our nation's 239th birthday. This Independence Day, we commemorate the signing of our Declaration of Independence and honor the rich history of our great nation. Our nation was founded on ideas that all men and women are created equal under God, and freedom and opportunity are to be cherished and preserved. Our founding fathers wrote our Declaration of Independence to uphold life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, as fundamental to our American way of life. As Americans, we believe in a government of, by, and for the people, which has lived in freedom these 239 years because of the selfless service of our Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, civilian corps, and military Families.
2. This holiday is for all Americans, and as you plan for the holiday weekend, we encourage you to spend quality time with friends and Family enjoying the many outdoor activities available here, in the heart of our nation, like boating, outdoor sports or amusement parks. As you enjoy being an American, remember to be prepared, be smart and look out for each other.
3. Ensure that vehicles and motorcycles are properly maintained. If riding a motorcycle, wear the proper personal protective equipment, ride to your ability level and be aware of your surroundings. Stay focused on the road, buckle up in your privately owned vehicle and make sure all in your care do the same. If you choose to drink alcohol, do so responsibly and always have a designated driver.
4. Remember other warm weather considerations such as wearing and reapplying sunscreen and ensuring proper hydration. All-terrain vehicles, boats and personal watercraft are a lot of fun, but improper use — or operation while drinking alcohol — can result in fatal consequences.
5. We want to thank you for all of your efforts and your continued help in protecting our most vital resources, our Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and civilians, both on and off duty. Thank you for all you do. We are proud to serve with you.

Army Strong!

ROY D. WARD
CSM, USA
Command Sergeant Major

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Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

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